

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 545

Honoring the recipients of the El Dorado Promise scholarship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2008

Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the recipients of the El Dorado Promise
scholarship.

Whereas the 2000 United States Census determined that El
Dorado, Arkansas, had a significantly lower percentage
of residents with degrees from institutions of higher edu-
cation and a significantly higher percentage of families
who fell below the poverty line than the national average;

Whereas it is increasingly important for students to obtain a
college education in order to keep up with the demands
of the modern workforce and global economy;

Whereas the El Dorado Promise scholarship is a tuition
scholarship, created and funded by Murphy Oil Corpora-
tion, which enables all eligible high school graduates of
the El Dorado Public School District in El Dorado, Ar-

kansas, to attend any accredited 2- or 4-year, public or private, college or university;

Whereas school enrollment in the El Dorado Public School District has significantly increased since the El Dorado Promise scholarship program was established, despite a 15-year trend of decreasing enrollment;

Whereas the El Dorado Promise scholarship program increased the number of El Dorado High School students who chose to attend college after graduation by 20 percent; and

Whereas, on April 30, 2008, El Dorado High School students who receive El Dorado Promise and other academic scholarships sign academic letters of intent for the colleges they will be attending upon graduation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the recipients of the El Do-
3 rado Promise scholarship for choosing to further
4 their education;

5 (2) recognizes April 30, 2008, as the second
6 Academic Signing Day for graduating El Dorado
7 High School students receiving El Dorado Promise
8 and other academic scholarships;

9 (3) acknowledges that the El Dorado Promise
10 scholarship program is important for the revitaliza-
11 tion of southern Arkansas; and

12 (4) recognizes Murphy Oil Corporation for its
13 efforts to ensure that children from southern Arkan-

- 1 sas, who might otherwise struggle in financing a col-
- 2 lege education, are able to attend college.

